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Jiang's arrival sparks cheers and protest

by Anaklara Hering
Hatchet Reporter

GW students watch ceremony from White House lawn

A 21-gun salute and 120 GW students were part of ceremonies welcoming Chinese President Jiang Zemin to the White House Wednesday.

But the difference between the pomp and circumstance students saw during the South Lawn ceremony and the protests they heard from the park across the street represent a mixed picture of the future of U.S.-China relations.

Protesters and protocol clashed

during the ceremony that the Clinton Administration hopes will boost its relations with China.

In Lafayette Park, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, hundreds of protesters rallied to decry human rights violations in China and Tibet.

"You could hear the protesters yelling in between the pauses of the ceremony," said junior Adam Siple, who attended the ceremony. "We're trying to welcome the president of

China, but at the same time there are many people who would rather not have him here."

Jiang is the first Chinese head of state to visit the United States in 12 years. The summit talks and state dinner scheduled for this week are efforts to repair a strained Sino-American relationship.

Junior Andy Drykerman said he sees irony in the day's events. As he cheered inside the White House gates, protesters on the other side were less

enthusiastic about the summit.

"I thought it was amazing ... the bands, the salutes, the motorcades - and on the other side there were the protesters," Drykerman said. "It seemed so peaceful as we're embracing the Chinese president, but on the other side there are angry people upset that he's here. That's just America and the freedom we have and (the Chinese) don't."

With dissenters yelling in the

(See GW, p. 3)



Anaklara Hering/Hatchet photographer
President Clinton greets Chinese President Jiang Zemin during a White House ceremony.

SA senators dispute Homecoming funds

by Tammy Imhoff
Hatchet Staff Writer

In a move that will expedite the transfer of Student Association funds to the Program Board for use on January's Homecoming festivities, SA Executive Vice President Tony Sayegh used his power as the Senate's executive financial officer Tuesday to earmark \$5,000 from a Senate fund to help PB finance this year's celebration.

Since Sayegh is not permitted by SA regulations to give the money directly to the PB for use at its own discretion, his decision will give the SA more input into decisions about the event.

Instead of turning the full amount over to PB, Sayegh will use Senate funds to pay bills submitted by PB for Homecoming expenses, without the

approval of the finance committee.

The SA executive branch will put another \$2,000 toward co-sponsoring Homecoming events.

But graduate Sen. J.P. Blackford (SEAS), the finance committee chair, said Tuesday he thinks Sayegh is imperiling future programs by earmarking so much money to PB.

"It's a technicality, and we are going to counter it with another technicality," Sayegh said of his power to directly allocate the funds. "(The finance committee) cannot stop me from paying a bill."

The \$5,000 will be taken from a Senate fund created last year to allow the SA's legislative arm to sponsor programming. This "buffer fund" was created to support programs like Issues Awareness Night.

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Students, celebs rally to free Tibet

Human rights controversy surrounds Jiang's D.C. visit

by Shireen Hormozdi
Hatchet Reporter

GW students were among hundreds of people who gathered across from the White House in Lafayette Park Wednesday to protest the Chinese government's human rights abuses.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin's visit to the White House for a U.S.-China summit drew more than 20 groups advocating human rights, workers' rights, religious freedom and environmental protection, including GW's Students for a Free Tibet.

"We roll out the red carpet for (Jiang) and he is Tiananmen Square," said junior Nerissa Whittington, referring to the suppressed student protests in 1989.

"We had a really large turnout today and hopefully we are bringing some attention to this problem," Whittington said as she helped set up a 12-foot model of the Statue of Liberty in the park.

Also parading among the protesters were puppets of President Clinton and Jiang playing with a fishing pole, with dollars as bait.

"What China is doing is morally offensive - and what America is doing in supporting them is wrong," junior Jonathan Skrmetti said. "Students are plugged into the political scene, and the more of them that tell Clinton (the abuses are wrong), the more he'll listen. We elected him, after all."

Students with strong beliefs about Tibetan affairs were joined by students just curious about the

day's events.

"Like a lot of students, I'm not too educated on the entire situation, but the basic issue of human rights should not be ignored," said a freshman member of Students for a Free Tibet. "The students should definitely speak out."

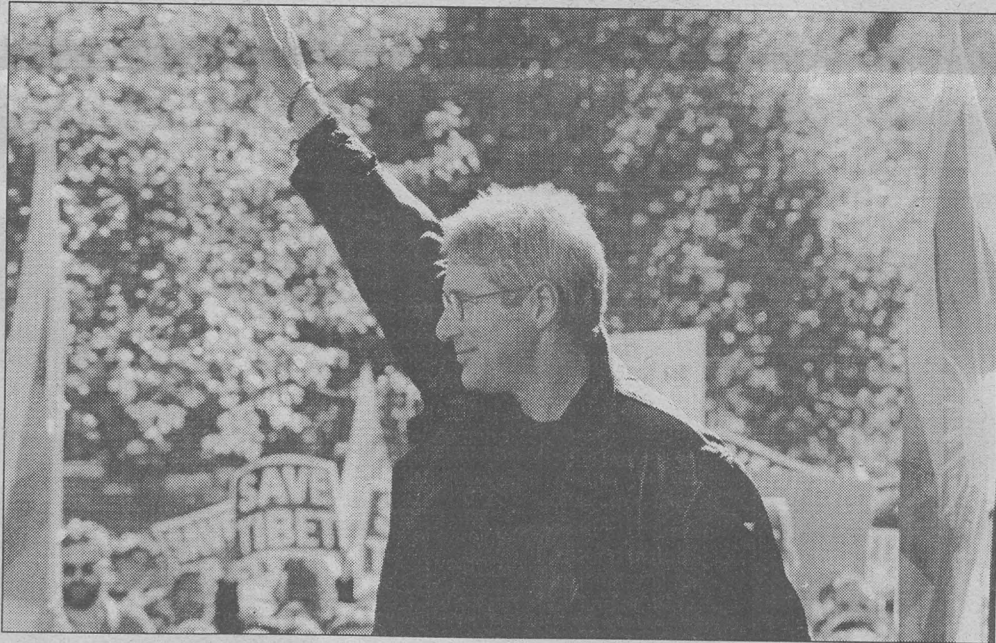
Two-thirds of Americans surveyed said the Chinese government should improve its human rights policies or lose its current trade status with the United States, according to a Wall Street Journal/NBC/Hart & Teeter poll released in May.

Students from other universities joined GW students at the rally.

Brown University freshman Peter Eimersen was cloaked in a Tibetan flag.

"We feel that freedom for anyone

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Tyson Trish/
editor in chief

Actor and
activist
Richard Gere
joined
protesters in
Lafayette
Park rallying
for a free
Tibet.

RELIGION MONTH 1997:

Lighting the Way

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1:

Trip to Bahai Center
Meet 11:00am
Marvin Center Lobby

Catholic Mass (all Saturdays)
4:15pm
Newman Center

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Spanish Mass
7:30pm
Newman Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2:

Western Presbyterian Student Bible Study (all Sundays)

Western Presbyterian Church (24th & G Streets)
10:00am

Trip to Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (Hindu temple)
Meet 10:30am
Foggy Bottom Metro

Western Presbyterian Sunday Morning Worship (all Sundays)
11:00am

Western Presbyterian Church (24th & G Streets)

Catholic Mass (all Sundays)
6:00pm
Newman Center

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3:

Faith & Politics Institute Lecture
7:00pm
MC 410

"Diversity and Tolerance in Early Christianity":

Lecture by Professor Duff
Evening TBA
MC 403

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4:

Religion Month Student Group Fair
7:00-9:00pm
Colonial Commons (MC 2nd floor)



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

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7:00pm, reception to follow

MC Ballroom

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"Mary and the Saints" Discussion

7:30pm

Newman Center

Interfaith Council Discussion

9:00-11:00pm

MC 403

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

"Why Believe in God and Why the Bible?" presentation
7:00pm
MC 415

Amateur Night *OS

8:00-10:00pm

Mitchell Hall Theater

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

Intergenerational lunch at Adas Israel
Meet 10:30am
Hillel

Jummah Prayer (all Fridays)
1:00-3:00pm
Colonial Commons

Greek Shabbat

services: 6:00pm, dinner: 7:00pm

Hillel

Diwali Dinner & Cultural Show

7:00pm

MC Ballroom

Noodles at Nine! (dinner and movie)

9:00pm

Western Presbyterian Church (24th & G Streets)

Praise Night featuring Persuasion *OS

9:30pm-midnight

Columbian Square

*OS = Operation Saturation

*IAW = Islam Awareness Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8:

Trip to National Cathedral
Meet 10:00am
MC Lobby

Word Up! Gala *OS
6:30-9:30pm
MC 3rd floor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

Trip to Buddhist temple
Meet 12:00pm
MC Lobby

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

Quran Competition & International Bazaar *IAW
7:30-9:30pm
MC 403-405

"Missionary Impossible": Can a Jew believe in Jesus? Discussion w/ Jews for Judaism
7:30pm
MC 410

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11:

Board of Chaplains Dinner *IAW
6:00pm
MC Ballroom

Church of Scientology presentation
7:00pm
MC 413

"Why are You Jewish?" discussion
8:00pm
MC 404

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:

"Christianity and Salvation: The Bible's Perspective" presentation
4:00-6:00pm
MC 404

Jerusalem Day Trialogue *IAW
7:00pm
MC 410-415

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Clinton's counsel discusses law in 'upside down' capital

by Francesca Di Meglio
Hatchet Staff Writer

The defense attorney who represents President Clinton in the Paula Jones case discussed recent political scandals and the campaign finance reform hearings during a lecture at GW Law School Tuesday.

Robert S. Bennett spoke about practicing law in Washington, a city he called "Alice's Wonderland," as part of the Enrichment Program Series presented by the law school.

"Lewis Carroll (the author of *Alice in Wonderland*) describes a little girl who falls in a well, and when she wakes up in the country, everything is upside down," Bennett said. "I find that is largely what happens in the nation's capital."

"The Congress, the press and the lawyers who deal with clients find themselves in a world that is largely marked by irrationality, silliness and enormous wastefulness," he said.

Bennett criticized the "scandal machine" that operates in Washington

between politicians and the media.

"It's a world where prosecutors use journalists to publicize their investigations and cases," he said. "It's a world where investigators leak information to the press in the hope that public pressure will force matters to go forward."

Bennett admitted that some congressional hearings are necessary, but said the campaign finance hearings are not.

"We need to find out if something is wrong in the system, so we have these hearings to see if legislation is needed," Bennett said. "The problem with the fundraising question is that we have all the evidence that the system is broken."

Bennett also spoke to students about his involvement with the Senate Ethics Committee.

"Nobody (on the committee) focused on the bigger issue... which is our problem when we elect a United States senator," Bennett said. "He has to spend so much time away from Washington to raise different sums of money."



Jay Crystal/asst. photo editor
Robert S. Bennett

Students asked Bennett his opinions on the government's use of independent counsels.

"My view is that we have created a real monster," Bennett said. "These independent counsels come around and they spend millions and millions of dollars, largely without much success, and their virtue is unaccountable."

"There's an old expression - beware of the lawyer with one case," he said.

"Everybody always quotes my rates, but nobody says what I actually collect," Bennett said. "The truth of the matter is that I do very well... I am not sure if I'd hire me, but if I did, I could not afford myself."

GW students welcome Jiang

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background, the two world leaders made opening statements pledging their plans for improved relations between the two nations.

Siple said he thought the opening statements by Clinton and Jiang were evidence that the two leaders are ready to move toward progress, despite obvious disagreements on human rights.

"Prosperity and peace - I don't know how many times (Clinton and Jiang) said it," Siple said. "I should have counted because that seemed to be the common theme."

Jiang's visit culminates laborious diplomatic efforts on both sides in the past year. Clinton indicated that both leaders now want to stress the broad common interests of the two countries rather than emphasize disputes about issues such as human rights and Taiwanese sovereignty.

GW Professor of East Asian Studies Molly Frost said the summit is the first step to enduring peace between China and the United States.

"A good relationship is critical,"

Frost said. "Even when, and especially if, we disagree."

She said the energy of the event was contagious.

"This is what (students) see as young people, not all this Cold War rhetoric," Frost said. "It is a very hopeful mood and it's exciting."

Hundreds of raised arms waved American and Chinese flags when Jiang made his closing remarks in English.

Sophomore Minh Truong said she supports the summit's efforts toward mutual economic and cultural understanding.

"(Jiang's) last couple of lines were in English. That made the ceremony touch home," Truong said. "It showed me that he is willing to work with (Clinton)."

Drykerman said he thinks a partnership between the two nations is possible.

"We're both big powers and we both have what each other wants and needs," Drykerman said. "The (Chinese) want democracy... and it seems to me that we want their big business and work ethic."

Siple agreed.

"We're running a huge trade deficit with (China), so there's got to be some giving and taking if this is going to work," he said.

In preparation for the summit, GW's Sigur Center for Asian Studies presented a panel Monday on the future of U.S.-China relations.

"The goal of this summit is to provide a long-term strategic plan for this relationship," said Harry Harding, dean of GW's Elliott School of International Affairs.

Harding likened the importance of Jiang's visit to President Richard Nixon's 1972 visit to China.

Mike Jendrzeczyk, a representative of Human Rights Watch-Asia, said both nations are looking to establish a framework that will ease further diplomatic relations, but that human rights were not a major priority for the summit.

"As China develops, human rights will become even more important to its economic and social development," Jendrzeczyk said.

-Seth Weinert contributed to this report.

Tibetan rally draws hundreds

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is undeniable, and we are all entitled to it. If we must travel a couple hundred miles to help the cause, then that's what we should do," Einersen said.

Buddhist monks also gathered in Lafayette Park.

Dorjee, a monk from New York, said, "The younger generation needs to know what human rights are and how to achieve them. Our duty is to help this generation. It's good for them to know that we're not playing a tricky game with China."

Several celebrities and political notables rallied for a free Tibet, including Sens. Russ Feingold (D-Minn.) and Paul Wellstone (D-Wis.); Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, founder of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights; actor Richard Gere and Adam Yauch, member of the music group Beastie Boys.

Gere, whose new movie *Red Corner* has brought renewed attention to human rights issues in China,

discussed the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled leader.

"Consider the absurdity of a government that is... afraid of a Nobel Peace Prize winner who only talks about dialogue," Gere said. "That's all we're talking about - honest dialogue."

Yauch addressed students' role in the movement.

"Students are the core and root of the strength behind freeing Tibet," Yauch said. "A lot of politicians and corporations are aware of what students believe because they can vote and buy their products."

"They can't underestimate the power of students because they have the most influence," said Yauch, who visited GW during the Tibetan Freedom Tour in 1996.

Yauch said he accepts that his popularity draws students to the Tibetan issue.

"It's OK because it's bait to bring people into it," he said. "But it's wrong when it becomes too weighted toward the celebrity and gets out of balance."

"The student presence here makes



Tyson Trish/editor in chief
GW students were among protesters criticizing China's human rights violations at a rally near the White House.

a statement that the younger generation cares too," freshman Megan Doyle said. "I'm skipping class right now because I feel that freeing Tibet is more important."

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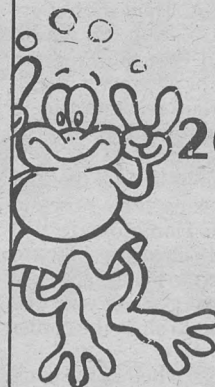
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Ideals vs. pragmatism

China presents the United States with some difficult decisions. On one hand, it fails miserably to live up to the standard American ideals of human rights and freedoms. Thus, some want to limit relations between the two countries until China begins respecting its people's rights. But on the other hand, China and its 1.2 billion people represent the largest single market for American goods. Instead of isolating China until it changes, a policy of actively engaging China is cited as the best way to gradually nudge it toward Western standards. At the White House Tuesday, those two views were in clear contrast.

President Clinton welcomed Chinese leader Jiang Zemin with red-carpet treatment. As the two discussed positions generally agreed upon, several thousand protesters reminded the public of the treatment of those Chinese citizens who call for change.

It is unrealistic and foolish to cease all trade relations with China. However, though the United States must continue and increase its economic relationship with China, it also must constantly remind Beijing of human rights violations and push for change.

The cause to free Tibet seems to be a trendy *cause célèbre*. While no one is lessening the importance of Tibet and its people, many other people fare similarly under Chinese rule. At the Lafayette Park rally, many cameramen and photographers waited until actor Richard Gere gave his speech, then took a few shots of the next speaker, activist Harry Wu, and left. Attention to Chinese human rights issues must focus on all of China, not simply those causes that draw Hollywood attention.

It is impossible for the United States to simply ignore China. It will most likely become an increasingly significant power in the next century. Though the United States needs to maintain an active relationship with China for both economic and geopolitical reasons, it also must continue advocating those ideals of freedom, rights and liberties that are the bedrock of America. It is only by continuing to engage China that internal change can come about.

Stupid is as...

Last year, students were promised that this year's Student Association Senate would be a mature, responsible group of adults who would listen to what students want and act accordingly. In fact, its slogan for this year is "Your Voice, Your Choice, Your SA."

So you would think that a subject such as Homecoming, which affects most of the student population, would be petty-free and would sail through the Senate. Yeah right! The Senate proved this year will be no different than years past. Students were guaranteed a more student-friendly SA. They should get their money back.

The main sticking point is whether the Senate would give the Program Board \$7,000 (promised under SA bylaws) unconditionally, or whether it would line-item what and how the PB could spend its money. Certain senators, due to their extraordinary levels of immaturity and refusal to compromise, made a point of proving their lack of commitment to GW students.

Instead of making sure PB can plan a Homecoming that will rival those of years long past, those same senators were intent on sticking their noses in places they do not belong. It is not the job of the Senate to do Homecoming; that is why we have PB. It is PB Executive Chair Soraya Tabibi's responsibility to plan the details - not certain senators who have been glued to Senate seats for years and stomp, pout and rip up papers when things don't go their way. Too bad there's no Senate rule that calls for children who act up to sit in the corner wearing a dunce cap.

PB now has the money it needs. Or does it? It is not clear whether the compromise agreement will be challenged by those same senators who have the most minimal of involvement with GW campus life. They miraculously know what is best for all involved without having any detailed knowledge of the subject.

Students who attended Tuesday's meeting left feeling disgusted and frustrated with the pathetic old pettiness. Here's an idea: Since some of the senators seem quite out of touch with students' opinions, students should call their representatives, ask them how they voted and why they did so. Go ahead, it's a free call (on campus, anyway) - 994-7100. Ask why some would rather screw over all GW students because they don't know what compromise, accountability, maturity and foresight are. Make your voice known to your choice, your SA.

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Letters to the Editor

Barry is no felon

I believe the Oct. 16 opinion article ("Some Thoughts About GW, the SA and D.C.," The GW Hatchet, p.5), illustrates one point I have been trying to make in my efforts to restore a statutory right to a jury trial for most misdemeanors in D.C. To support a statement that the District is the place to go to get away with crime, the article stated: "We've still got a former felon for a mayor..." If you are going to label someone a felon, you should be sure they are.

I believe the mayor was convicted of possession of cocaine, a misdemeanor. Misdemeanor or felon, what's the difference, you may say, either designation serves to discredit, which is what the author was trying to do.

In the District, as recently as 1994, we had a statutory right to a

jury trial for most misdemeanor offenses, where a representative group from the community would decide if a person was guilty. Statistics from Superior Court show that the conviction rate for non-jury trials is nearly double that for jury trials (73 percent vs. 40 percent, respectively). There is legislation pending before the City Council to do away with jury trials for the three remaining misdemeanors for which a defendant still gets a jury.

Back when the mayor was tried, the community played a role in his misdemeanor conviction. Both he and a growing number of those convicted without a jury, will find themselves subject to mistakes like the writer's. A ruined reputation is difficult to overcome. Yes, citizens are concerned about crime in their city, but this does not mean the writer should label someone a

felon if he is not, or that a person should be labeled a misdemeanant without a jury.

-Jim McLeod
defense attorney
Pennsylvania House resident

Thanks for the tips

Last Sunday night, the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon braved the rainy streets of Foggy Bottom delivering Itza Pizza to benefit Washington's Special Olympics. GW's generosity helped us raise more than \$250 in tips for this deserving cause. The brotherhood would like to extend its most sincere thanks to the staff at the Cortille-Caffe and to GW's pizza-eating community for making our event a complete success.

-Paul Gerber
TKE philanthropy chair

Much more to US-Chinese relations than just human rights

As Chinese President Jiang Zemin makes his way across the country, many Americans have called for President Clinton to demand that China make major improvements in the treatment of its people - particularly political dissidents, Tibetans and other minorities and prisoners - or otherwise face U.S. sanctions and ostracization from the world community. While such a stance may demonstrate America's moral fiber and allow us to shed any sense of guilt over conditions in China, adopting a confrontational China policy will not help improve the lot of average Chinese; nor does it reflect the complex reality that is China.

In 1993 President Clinton threatened China with trade sanctions - removal of China's most favored nation trading status - if it did not improve certain human rights practices. When China called his bluff, Clinton, as expected, did not follow through. Doing so would have sent relations into a tailspin, hurting big business, dissidents and strategic planners alike. Instead, Clinton soon reverted to the historic U.S. policy followed since Nixon - trying to find common ground with China when possible, while trying to negotiate through differences.

Clinton's mistake was not in following through on his threat, but in making the threat in the first place. To compound his problem, Clinton has done little to defend his policy. The vacuum created by his silence has been filled by the far right and left, which have advocated a much more confrontational stance that sees our relations in zero-sum terms. (Ironically, just as some Americans saw Clinton as appeasing China, many Chinese believe Clinton has been trying to undermine and contain it.)

Clinton has begun to more forcefully defend himself and reshape the contours of the debate. More importantly, engagement has begun to bear some fruit. China has lowered its tariff levels and made reforms in intellectual property rights. Regular interaction of military officials has led to an improved (though still somewhat incomplete) under-

standing of China's military capabilities and intentions, and China has improved its record on non-proliferation issues. And on human rights, China has announced it will sign the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

More broadly, it has recognized the legitimacy of international human rights norms, even if it is still in violation of them. While the picture on all fronts is admittedly still mixed, a confrontational approach would certainly have resulted in stalemate and perhaps direct conflict. Treating China as an enemy is the surest way to make it one.

The confrontational approach is flawed because at its base is the view of China as a static entity that has changed little from the days of Mao. The reality is far more complicated. Economic reforms have been accompanied by growing private freedoms and greater horizontal links throughout most of society. The government is formally Leninist, but policymaking is often more akin to bargaining, hence the difficulty of agreeing to, not to mention implementing, various reform measures.

The best way to understand this complexity is to learn more about China through reading books, making friends or seeing movies. If you must see Brad Pitt's *Seven Years in Tibet* and Richard Gere's *Red Corner*, balance these one-sided pictures with movies produced by China's own foremost young movie talent, such as *To Live* and *Qiu Ju Goes to Court*, both available with subtitles at your local video outlet. The latter two do far more justice to China's human predicament without making a villain or angel of anyone.

Engagement may not ensure full protection of human rights and China's adoption of national-level democracy, but it does encourage positive social and economic trends in China as well as encourage China's integration into the international community.

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Stop ignoring the plight of Tibetans

"Human existence, if used destructively, has the potential to annihilate everything we know," said the Dalai Lama.

On Feb. 3, 1992, Lobsang Choedon, a Buddhist nun, walked in her burgundy robes to Jokhang, Tibet's most sacred temple. She and five other nuns prayed there, concluding with the chant, "Long live His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Independence for Tibet. Peace to the world."

Moments later, police had Choedon on the floor of a van, where they beat her and kicked her with metal-toed boots. Later, at the jail, police used a 7,000 volt cattle prod to shock her mouth, face and arms repeatedly. She was 16. Three of the other nuns arrested were tortured to death.

Considering the plight of many Tibetans, Choedon was lucky. One torture method involves the police hanging monks from the ceiling and dealing blows with chains, metal rods and wooden sticks spiked with nails. Oftentimes, police ram high voltage cattle prods into prisoners' mouths, rectums and vaginas. Sixty-four-year-old Palden Gyatso was confined to a concrete box the size of a coffin for up to five months at time while serving a 33-year prison sentence.

These horror stories are only the most obvious effects of China's effort to eradicate Tibet's culture and nationality, both stemming from the land's ancient Buddhist

religion. When China initiated a campaign to thwart that culture in 1949, the Buddhist foundation was targeted, causing the entire nation to collapse into China's hands. Before the invasion, 6,259 monasteries served as centers from which entire villages radiated. Only eight of those original monasteries remain today.

In addition to blatant destruction, China imposes a system of "re-education" by which Tibetan children are taught with Chinese Communist Party propaganda as their textbooks. China forbids Tibetan teachers to speak in their native tongue for more than one class per day. Phasing-in the Chinese language and Communist teachings, China forces its own culture on the next generation of Tibetans, while erasing the nation's rich heritage from the collective memory.

Since Tibet refuses to resort to violence, China has the nation treading down a course to extinction. By ignoring the cultural genocide that currently plagues Tibet, the United States has helped to carve that path. The past few days' meetings between President Clinton and Chinese leader Jiang Zemin probably placed little or no emphasis on the subject of Tibet.

During his first year in office, Clinton granted China most favored nation trade status, but warned that unless conditions in Tibet improved, China would lose

that status. Three years later, as Tibet continues to vanish, China continues to enjoy the low tariffs that come with its exclusive status. Jiang saw this move as a step toward permanently cementing China's place as a MFN, a signal that the United States would abandon its pledge of a resolution focusing on China's human rights record.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's announcement in July that she would appoint a special coordinator to monitor United States policy toward Tibet at least marked an acknowledgment of the nation's existence. But the newly-created position remains vacant.

To salvage what's left of Tibet, the United States must do something drastic — take Tibet seriously. In the face of the nation's economic irrelevance, we must prevent yet another genocide. If sanctions are too extreme, Clinton needs to at least stop treating China like economic royalty. The United States must encourage talks proposed by the Dalai Lama with Jiang, or surely Tibet will sink in its current stagnation.

To Jiang, this country's age-old stand on human rights is undoubtedly a grand bluff. And before we set to the task of convincing China that the situation in Tibet must improve, we must first convince ourselves.

—Dan Gilgoff wrote this on behalf of the Students for a Free Tibet.



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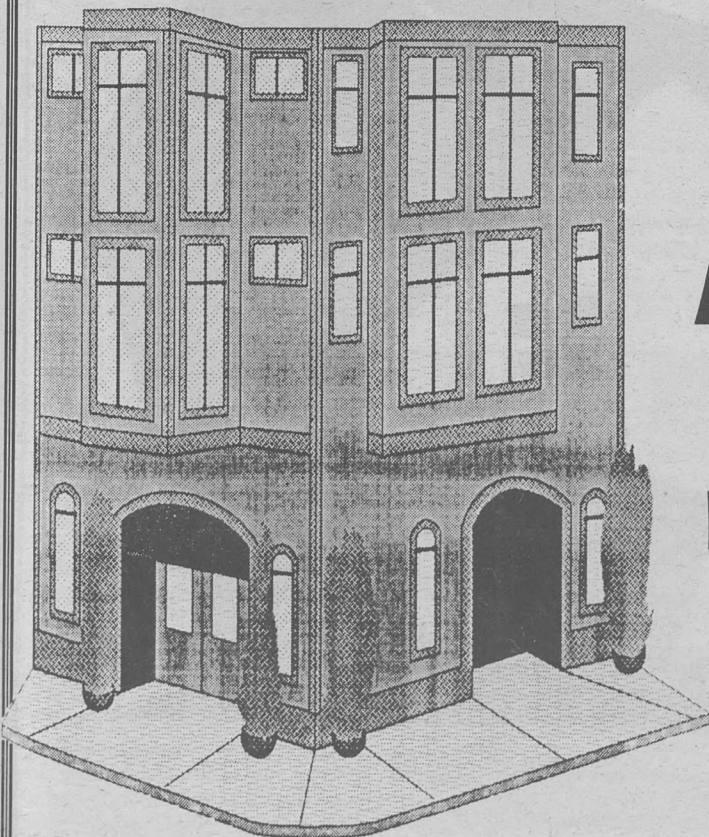
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G W E E K E N D

D.C. offers frightful fun for Halloween adventure

HEATHER HARE AND ALISON GAZAN

ARTS EDITORS

Halloween has sneaked up and stolen more than half the semester. Those busy with midterms have not gotten a spare moment to think about what to do for Halloween. But, never fear, The GW Hatchet GWeekend is here.

With a limited college student budget, costumes need to be cheap, but they can still be good. Searching a roommate's closet and grabbing supplements from CVS can produce a creative ensemble. Take an old prom dress, add a little fake blood and, *voila!*, Stephen King's Carrie. Or steal an old suit from an unfashionable friend, jazz it up with a bright shirt and gaudy sunglasses to make a pimp. To be a devil, dress in all red and buy a pair of horns and a trident for less than five dollars at CVS. For a vampire, dress in all black, etc. If all else fails, get a white sheet and cut some holes in it.

When all dressed up, trick-or-treaters can bring their empty pillowcases to Embassy Row. There, each embassy will distribute candy from its country. Regardless of the creativity of the costume, all trick-or-treaters can be sure to come home with a bag full of multinational goodies. Be sure to arrive early; the

embassies do not stay open late.

Next destination: Dupont Circle. After dusk, the community comes out all "dolloed up." The annual drag races were Tuesday night and drew some of the most attractive of transvestites, reminiscent of *Pricilla*, *Queen of the Desert*. Though the races are over, there is a lot to see.

On to the bars. Georgetown is a hotspot for Halloween partying. Almost every bar in the area has Halloween drink specials and costume contests. Though it may seem to be all fun and games, go with a buddy because no one is ever sure what lurks under those costumes.

If not in the mood for a night on the town, other festive ways to celebrate await. *Devil's Advocate*, *Kiss the Girls*, *Gattaca* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer* all are playing in area theaters.

If leaving home at all is not appealing, a plethora of great horror films are on video. *Scream* is about the only recent film of quality. But try a classic: *The Shining*, *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, any of the *Friday the 13th* films, *Halloweens*, *Nightmare on Elm Streets*, *Child's Play* or *Leprechauns*.

Whatever the plans for Halloween, a frightful night is possible. Think about it, D.C. is a pretty scary town every night.



Gina Danesi/Hatchet photographer ▲

Georgetown is just one of many options D.C. offers for a delightfully ghoulish Halloween.

Film focuses on Gere, not socio-political issues

TRYG OLSEN
WEEKEND WRITER

Some things never change in Hollywood. Alan Alda is still sensitive. Ellen is still gay. And Richard Gere is still the prettiest man in show business.

Gere's most recent movie, *Red Corner* (MGM), tries to meld his two most obvious passions, namely showing Chinese human rights violations and showing off his butt.

Gere plays Jack Moore, a sleazy Hollywood entertainment lawyer, in Beijing to sell a "Baywatch"-like product to Chinese television. After a successful day of business, Moore goes into the Chinese nightlife to have a rewarding night with business associates.

He succeeds and takes a supposedly nameless fashion model back to his hotel for a night of drunken passion. This is, of course, gratuitously shown with multiple nude shots.

Moore wakes up covered in blood with Chinese men in uniforms with guns surrounding his bed. The woman is dead, and Moore is taken into custody. He, of course, does not speak Chinese and is marooned in China.

The U.S. embassy is unable to

retrieve Moore from detention, claiming they can do nothing for him.

Moore is put on trial for murdering the daughter of the minister of defense. And of course, he'd like to see Moore dead. All of the evidence is against him. He is certainly doomed.

Gere does what he does best in *Red Corner* — he looks pretty and yells when he should be acting. He obviously has much influence in the film, as the plot deteriorates into a cross of *Rising Sun* and *Pretty Woman*.

Red Corner plummets from a

suspense-laden thriller to a poorly contrived love story. Moore and his lawyer change the patriarchal Chinese judicial system into a sappy "Perry Mason" trial. During the Casablanca-like ending, the audience will start looking for Debra Winger to enter so that Gere can carry her away.

Red Corner is saved by Bai Ling, who plays Moore's lawyer. She carries the film in an Oscar-caliber performance. Unfortunately, the filmmakers are more concerned with revealing Gere's backside than showing Bai's acting prowess. *Red Corner* opens Friday.



Richard Gere plays a Hollywood businessman trapped in the complicated politics of China in *Red Corner*.

Renfro shines in *Telling Lies*

EMMA DEMASTRIE
WEEKEND WRITER

Viewers beware: *Telling Lies in America* (Banner Entertainment) is hypnotizing. It could be the music, pure 1960s blues. Or it could be the atmosphere, sultry and mysterious.

But it is neither of those elements. It is Brad Renfro.

Renfro (*Sleepers*), a precocious lad of 15, runs away with the heart, soul and spirit of this thoughtful coming-of-age comedy about the consequences of the American Dream.

Renfro stars as Karchy Jonas, a clumsy, naive, but not-so-innocent Hungarian teenager in 1960s Cleveland. Karchy, severely disillusioned by America, hides his struggle by telling lies. He believes that words, however dishonest, will make him stronger.

By forging hundreds of signatures, Karchy wins a local radio contest and becomes the apprentice of smooth-talking D.J. Billy Magic (Kevin Bacon, *Murder in the First*). Magic takes him on a ride, complete with booze and sex, into adulthood. Here, Karchy learns the true nature of honesty, success and freedom.

From the sultry reds and blues emitted from the streets of Cleveland to the shaky close-ups of Renfro, *Telling Lies* has the look and feel of *American Graffiti*. Instead of tiresomely explaining each scene, screenwriter Joe Ezsterhas reels in the audience.

Director Guy Ferland creates a mysterious underground atmosphere. He brilliantly illustrates the exciting confusion Karchy feels as he plunges into Billy Magic's world.

As Billy Magic, Bacon brings to the screen his vile, sneaky charisma. His role in *Telling Lies* is no different than a dozen other roles he has played before.

Veteran actor Maximillian Schell (*Julia*) gives a moving performance as Karchy's committed father, a man determined to become an American citizen alongside his son. Calista Flockhart (*The Birdcage*) is sweet and engaging as the well-intentioned Diney, Karchy's crush.

Renfro, however, is the star. He has an insight beyond his years and a talent humbling to those who watch. It also helps that he happens to be devastatingly handsome.

At one point in the film, Diney says to Karchy, "You're going to make one hell of a man someday." But Brad Renfro is one hell of an actor today. *Telling Lies* is now playing.

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WEEKEND

Abstract dance premiers in D.C.

MICHELLE HIGGINS
WEEKEND WRITER

The title of Bill T. Jones' new work, "We Set Out Early ... Visibility Was Poor," may sound like a short story title, but the world dance premier performance holds epic possibilities.

The performance, which is approximately 75 minutes in length with no intermission, is comprised of three sections. "On the TS2," set to Stravinsky's musical suite "L'Histoire di Soldat" (The Soldier's Tale), breaks away from Jones' usual narrative style and utilizes abstract movement, which allows an open interpretation.

The dancing in "Cape Bardo" is combined with a video installation by Lynn Davis, a documentary of natural and man-made objects and the music of John Cage. "Voiceland" is



The Kennedy Center hosts the world premier of choreographer Bill T. Jones' latest work.

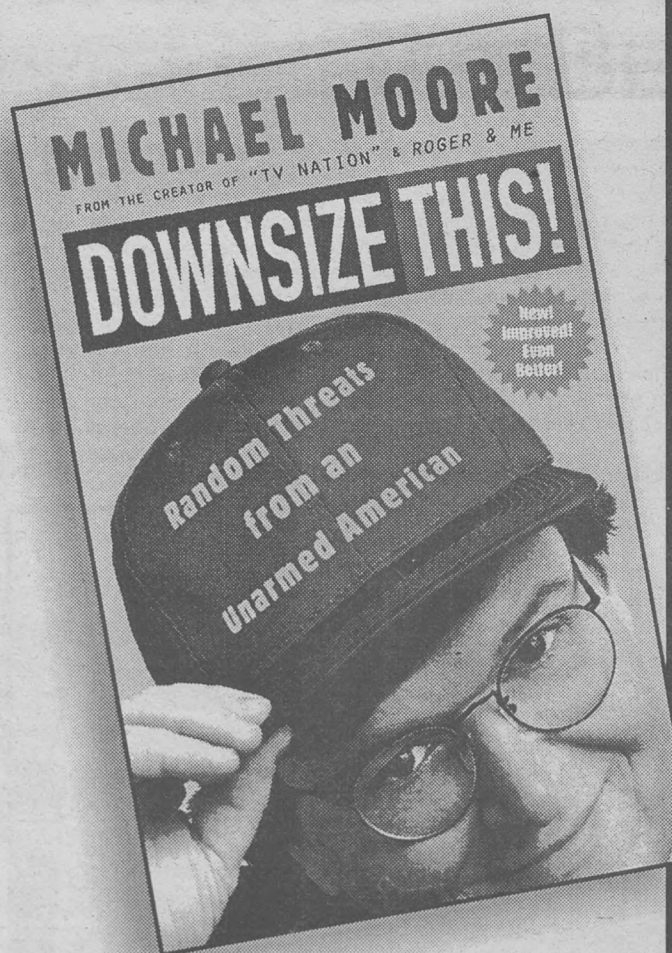
set to Latvian composer Peteris Vask's 1991 symphony for strings, "Stimmen" (Voices) and relies on spatial tensions between individuals and groups.

Jones' dynamic, impromptu movement style and the varying techniques of his dancers combine

to question the notion of history as a continuum of events.

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H **SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)**
I doubt if you'll be able to concoct a Halloween costume that's any uglier than the real you, but you can try. Perhaps you can go as the love child of Trachtenberg and Dorothy Miller.

O **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
What's the scariest thing this Halloween? It's not ghosts and goblins. It's the fact that you haven't gotten laid in ages. Try picking someone up at Lulu's Halloween bash—everyone there is pretty easy.

R **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)**
You're acting like a crusty old fart. So you can't go out trick-or-treating anymore. Who cares? You should take advantage of the great drink specials this Halloween.

O **AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 21)**
Hopefully you've learned an important lesson this week. Don't repeat your mistakes this Halloween weekend, especially because you're going to be a lot more drunk and even more stupid.

S **PISCES (Feb. 22-March 21)**
Try being a bit more innovative this year when it comes to your costume. A little bit of planning will save you from ruining a sheet when you cut holes for your eyes.

C **ARIES (March 22-April 21)**
Unlike Pisces, you are too broke this year to be creative. You can't even afford to use a sheet, so maybe you just shouldn't go out at all.

O **TAURUS (April 22-May 21)**
You better think twice before you egg Rice

Hall and TP the Quad. Mike Walker and judicial affairs will have a field day with you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
You're too nice. Pull some pranks this Halloween. (Hint: For egging fun, Dorothy Miller lives in Columbia Plaza on 23rd and Virginia. Hide in the alley next to Tokay with your two dozen, grade As and let 'em fly.)

CANCER (June 22-July 21)
You and your significant other just can't agree on what to do this Halloween. Go your separate ways. Having fun independently of each other is a lot less scary than you think, I promise.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)
You'll be out of town this weekend for Halloween but you'll have a great time anyway. Be the obnoxious tourist and egg some people while you're there.

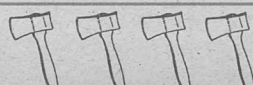
VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)
Halloween is for fun, not studying. And this year, because it falls on a Friday, you have the whole weekend to devote to vandalism, drunkenness, drug use, costumes and candy. Put off all work indefinitely.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21)
This year you should give pay-back for all the times you got your pumpkin smashed when you were a kid. Steal all of the pumpkins you can get your hands on and break them all over the steps of Rice Hall. Dress in black and wait until all of the University Police Department officers have fallen asleep on duty.



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Getting in: Be 21 or in the military
Prices: A little pricey, but fair
Food: There was a pretty good list, but drinking was the only thing on mine.
Dancing: More on this later
Pick-ups: Men are bold
Pluses: Great crowd
Minuses: A little too far off of campus

Going to Irish Times was not in my plan this weekend, but when a roommate turns 21, you must do as requested. And I am glad I did.

The bar was packed. With two levels and an immense bar with an added table just for beer, there still was not enough room to get into an ordering space. When 21 shots need to be ordered, it is essential to have room at the bar.

The crowd was fun. No one was overly rambunctious or too drunk. They were just too close. There was nowhere to turn to get some fresh air and a little much-needed personal space.

The drink selection was good, but they did not carry some of the newer, trendier peppermint schnapps, which is just fine. They look like antifreeze, but taste much worse.

Every half hour or so, an older gentleman would take a guitar to the mike and sing every song requested. He sang things like "Brown-eyed Girl," "Friends in Low Places" and "Alabama." He could almost play the guitar, and hit the right note at least once in a song. By the end of the night, everyone thought he was the best performer in D.C.

Dancing was a little weirder. Upstairs, people danced whenever a favorite song was played, but downstairs was a little different. People were backed into corners, kissing strangers while red lights flashed to the beat of the frat-like music.

It was a good time and a good bar. The crowd could even be considered attractive, though one young man who tried, unsuccessfully, to pick up the Bar Belle, said, "They're all ugly on the inside." Note: Do not tell a young woman surrounded by her friends that the people around her are "ugly on the inside."

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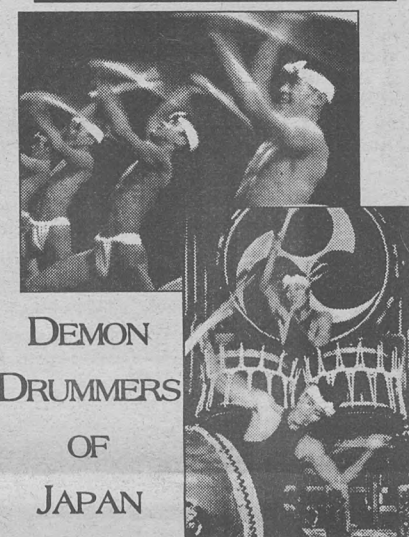
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Matt Ferry

Graduate student, team captain juggles more than soccer balls

by Dave Mann
Sports Editor

Matt Ferry has more than one hat hanging in the closet.

He is an athlete, captain of the GW men's soccer team for the past three years.

He is a student, who earned his undergraduate degree in international business from GW last year and is working on his master's degree in project management.

He is a traveler, who spent two years in England and two months traveling throughout Chile.

Matt is above all a fighter, someone who has overcome adversity, according to his younger brother Ben Ferry.

"He's someone who's pretty determined, who has really overcome a lot of adversity, especially the last couple of years," Ben says of his brother. "He has gone right at everything that's been thrown at him. A lot of people couldn't handle the cards he's been dealt."

The Soccer Player

Matt strolled onto the soccer field his freshman year and played in 16 games in 1993, logging a goal and three assists. He has been a key member of the GW men's team ever since.

Matt amassed 10 goals and nine assists in his first three seasons with the Colonials, but says he does not see himself as a goal-maker.

"I go for more of a solid performance," he says. "I don't have to go out there and score goals to have a good performance. My brother is the play-maker. He's leading the nation in assists."

It's true - Ben is the scorer. Playing alongside his brother, he set a GW record for assists last season, then broke his own record this year.

Ben followed his brother to GW in 1994.

"I always kind of knew I would come to GW so I could play with Matt," Ben says. "I wanted to stay in the area where I grew up. We were never able to play together in high school. We're close. I'm glad I got to

play with him."

"It's the greatest thing," Matt says of playing with his brother. "We've been playing together since we were little kids, and we compliment each other well."

Soccer has always been a major part of Matt's life. He has played at different levels and in different countries. He has been a member of several junior championship teams. But his ultimate goal is to play professionally, possibly in the two-year-old Major League Soccer.

"That's what my overall aim is, but the odds are pretty slim and I've got to be realistic," he says. "I think last year the MLS drafted 30 college players and out of that, only three got contracts. I'll probably have to work my way up."

Matt's career at GW is winding down. Rheumatoid arthritis kept him out of the entire 1994 season. The NCAA allows only four precious years of college athletic eligibility. However, Matt was granted a medical "redshirt," which allowed him to play an extra year after graduation.

Matt is down to his final two games as a Colonial. "I always promised myself GW wouldn't be the last standard I would play at," he says. "It's just another stepping stone, so (my final game) won't be that emotional."

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The Student

Matt's days are filled with activity. In addition to soccer practice and games, he works 10 hours a week at the GW Medical Center. And he spends a chunk of his time studying,

pursuing his master's degree.

Not many graduate students play NCAA Division I sports, but Matt's arthritis gave him an extra year of cramming soccer, studying and work into his short days.

"I feel like I can't catch my breath," he says. "As an undergrad, it seemed like I had so much time. Now, I have so little time. It seems like I'm cutting things too close."

During the soccer season, road trips devour some of Ferry's weekends. He scrambles to find time for studying, even as he travels to New England or Ohio with the soccer team for road games.

And distractions continue to arise. The Colonials are suffering through a disappointing season. As the losses mount, so does the frustration.

"It's been the hardest," Ben says. "When you're losing everything always seems harder. You don't feel motivated to do anything."

The Traveler

Matt, a Bethesda native, says the decision to attend a local school was not a difficult one.

"My dad got his master's here and I had known the coach for five years before I came," he says. "They also offered me the most money for a scholarship. I wanted to come back

close to where I grew up after having been in England for two years."

After graduating from Walt Whitman High School, Matt did not head straight off to college. He was not ready at that time, he says. Instead, Matt crossed the Atlantic to live in England for nearly two years, beginning in

rheumatoid arthritis.

Overcoming Adversity

"In the beginning no one knew what was wrong with me. Everyone had a different diagnosis," Matt now recalls. "It was a shock. Couple that with the fact that I couldn't run - it was just a nightmare."

Matt's life changed quickly. Soccer was out of the question - even small, daily activities became a challenge.

"In the morning I'd get up and have to crawl into the bathroom to get into the shower," he says. "It was tough."

When Matt was finally diagnosed with arthritis, he was told he would not be able to run for seven months.

"It changed the way I lived my life," he remembers. "The fact that I might never play again was kind of a second consideration. At that time, I couldn't even run. But I never thought that I wasn't going to play again, even though people told me it was possible."

Ferry missed the entire 1994 season, but slowly healed and returned to the soccer field the following season. A year out of the game, Matt says, made him appreciate it even more.

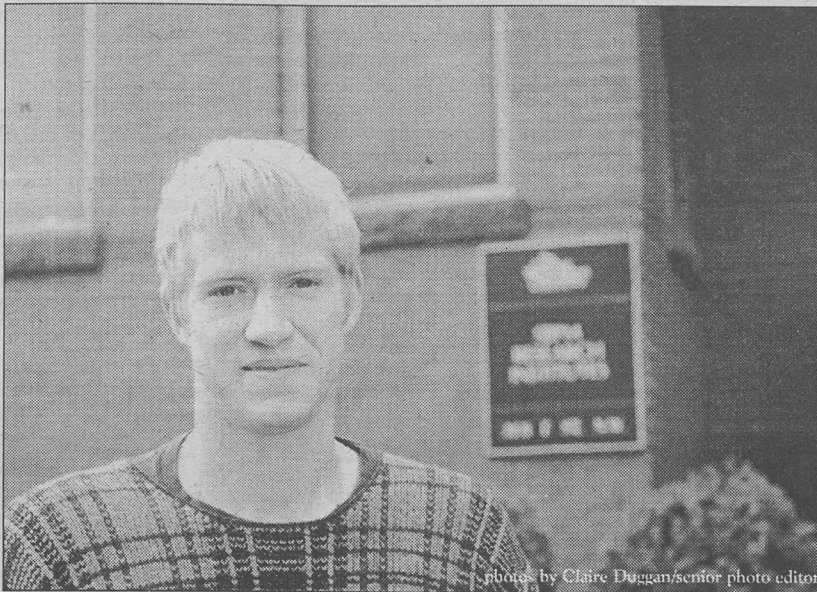
"At that time, I cherished every chance to play. This was three years ago," Matt says. "Now, I don't think about it like that. I don't think about it every day."

After a year without soccer, Matt says he came back with new intensity. Some argue that a devastating injury should put sports in perspective and force the athlete to recognize that a sport is only a game. But these people, Matt says, do not understand the experience of living without an activity they love. Matt knows - he lived without soccer.

"People say all the time that you should put it in perspective," he says. "But there aren't that many people who have actually had something one day and not had it the next. I can honestly say that I counted down the days until I could play again."

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Law school searches for space

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suggests cutting the law school's student body from its current 1,525 students to 1,200, a 20 percent decrease.

"The report was not put forward as a proposal," Professor Stephen Saltzburg said. "We're just interested in discussing (the future of the law school). It's the first step in the understanding of what our choices might be — what the tradeoffs are."

Saltzburg is one of nine members of the planning committee, which is chaired by Professor Thomas Morgan.

"The report was a proposal in the sense of being a statement of direction," Morgan said.

Friedenthal said it was unfortunate the report was treated as an operational document last week when it was highlighted in an article in The Legal Times, a weekly newspaper serving the D.C. legal community.

"We ought to talk about (the report), not decide about it," Friedenthal said.

The planning committee noted that students feel the day-to-day effects of learning in a small building.

"Finding any space to study is hard," second-year law student Shari Lahlou said. "Even library space gets crowded."

"For what we pay here, our facilities are not good enough," third-year

law student Thame Trotmaro said. "You come out of class and can't move."

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said he felt increasing space and decreasing enrollment do not work together.

"The law school has a long wish list of things that they want," he said. "Almost all cost money. If you don't have students, you don't have money."

Trachtenberg called the long-term planning report "a dream."

At the meeting, faculty members asked whether the committee's assumption in the report that reducing enrollment would help to maintain a higher caliber of students admitted to the school was correct, Professor Theresa Gabaldon said.

The sharing of tuition revenue between the law school and the University also was discussed. Gabaldon said a perception exists among faculty members that revenue sharing is getting better.

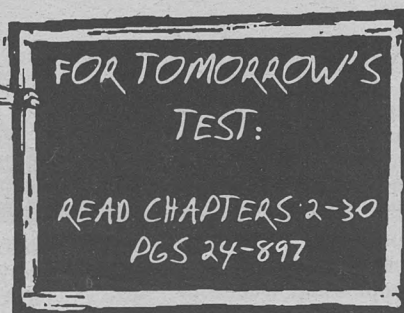
Gradually reducing enrollment would save more money than adding another building to the law school, the report concludes.

Meanwhile, the Law School Building Committee and the University's Office of Architecture, Engineering and Construction collectively selected the firm of Kress Cox to draw initial plans for the annexation of the Old President's House on 20th Street to the law school library.

"At this point, (the law school and University) are telling the architects what is the best of all possible worlds that our constituencies need," said Scott Pagel, director of the law library and a member of the building committee.

Groundbreaking is at least a year and a half away, Pagel said.

"We clearly do need more space," said Gabaldon, who is also a member of the building committee. "The situation will be alleviated a bit, but I don't think decreased enrollment is the only solution to the space problem."



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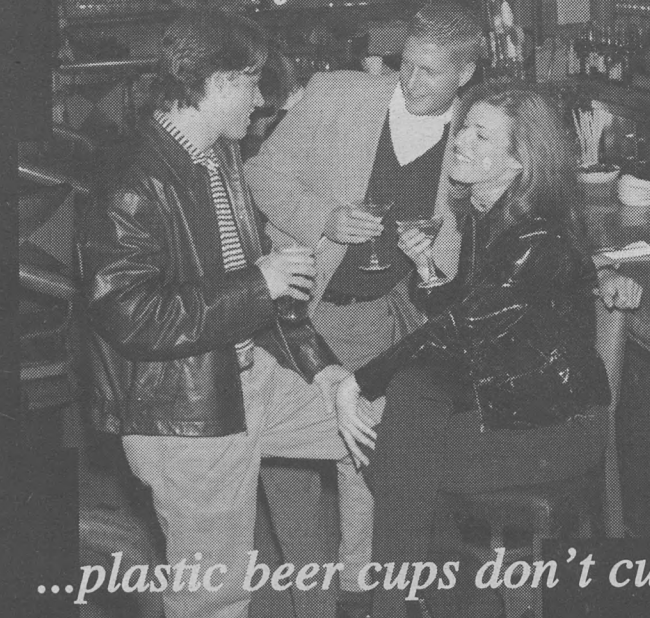
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Administrators, students 'pillow talk'

by Laura Hertzfeld

Hatchet Reporter

University administrators packed their bags for a night in Thurston Hall Monday as residents hosted the ninth annual Presidential Sleepover.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak were just two of the administrators who spent the night in freshman rooms.

"It seemed neat to have the president in our room," said Shaun Jayachandron, one of the students who hosted Trachtenberg. "We are a diverse group and very much a true mix of what GW is."

Students who wished to host an administrator in their room had to apply for the honor.

Monday's sleepover was the first opportunity for many first-year students to meet Trachtenberg and other University administrators. Representatives from campus offices like dining services, parent services, the Computer Information and Resource Center and the admissions office also attended.

Trachtenberg and company spent nearly two hours of discussion with

freshmen before moving into the student rooms.

Several students challenged the University's allocation of funds. One major concern among freshmen was the lack of Ethernet wiring in most of the residence halls.

Administrators responded to this and other issues.

"Networking in the dorms is as important as plumbing," said Jim Porter, a staffer in the University's division of administrative and information services.

Porter said that Ethernet wiring will be implemented through a seven-year plan. He said that to expedite the plan will take a commitment on the part of the students and the administration to make Ethernet wiring a priority.

Students also directed tuition questions to Trachtenberg.

"Every year is a new year with new inflation," he said. "Although a considerably smaller increase is expected this year than last."

Trachtenberg compared GW's tuition with competitors, and said it is significantly lower than that of Georgetown, Boston and New York universities.

Many freshmen were concerned

that their Commencement exercises will not be held on the Ellipse.

Trachtenberg explained that as much as he would prefer to keep graduation on the Ellipse, it would cost nearly \$500,000 to ensure a back-up plan in case of rain. A Commencement ceremony in the new MCI Center would cost significantly less, he said. Issues Awareness Night.



Josh Prezant/Hatchet photographer
Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak relaxes with Christy Brennan and other freshmen at a sleepover in Thurston Hall.

SA allocates \$7,000 to PB

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"Tony made the decision as a student, and not as someone who is responsible for the financial vitality of the Senate," he added.

At Tuesday's Senate meeting, Sayegh originally proposed giving PB \$5,000 directly. However, according to Senate bylaws regarding allocations, Sayegh cannot transfer money from the Senate directly to PB without the approval of the finance chair.

The SA is required by its bylaws to fund between one-quarter and one-third of the approved Homecoming budget.

Executive Director of the Student Activities Center Mike Gargano and PB chair Soraya Tabibi said that with Homecoming scheduled for the week of Jan. 28, waiting until December for access to the money would make planning the events difficult.

"When you are dealing with entertainers and people who don't know or care what GW is, and all they care about is their check, two weeks makes a big difference," Tabibi said.

Gargano said the Student Activities Center would co-sponsor the activities if the SA did not find a way to get the money to PB immediately, leaving SA out of Homecoming sponsorship altogether.

Many Senators said they were concerned about the prospect of the SA not co-sponsoring Homecoming.

Undergraduate Sens. Jesse Strauss (CSAS) and Mark Levin (ESIA) both said it is the responsibility of the SA to support events staged for the benefit of students.

"If we say we care about students, you know the students want Homecoming. PB is one of the only groups (on campus) who has actually done things for the students," Levin said. "If we do anything to impede upon Homecoming, we are not responding to our constituents."

The decision to use the Senate funds for Homecoming came after SA President Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar vetoed a bill that was narrowly passed by the Senate approving allocations for the event.

The bill passed by the Senate Tuesday would have given Homecoming \$1,000 from the Senate, \$5,000 from the buffer fund and \$1,000 from the executive branch.

Golparvar said he vetoed the bill because Gargano and Tabibi were against it.

If Golparvar had let the bill go through, the Senate would have passed spending procedures at the next Senate meeting Nov. 11 and PB would have access to the money by Dec. 9.

"Our bylaws do not stipulate when the money has to be transferred to PB. What this bill is doing is saying (PB) will get \$7,000 for Homecoming," Blackford said.

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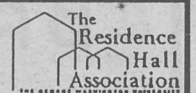
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G-Golf
MS-Men's soccer
SD-Swimming & diving

WBB-Women's basketball
WS-Women's soccer
WVB-Women's volleyball

Thursday

no games scheduled

Friday

MS at Temple-3 p.m.
WS vs. Temple-3 p.m.
WVB vs. Va. Tech-7:30 p.m.

Saturday

CC at Atlantic 10
Championships-10 a.m.*
SD at Duquesne-11 a.m.
WVB vs. Temple-5 p.m.
G at JMU Fall Classic

Sunday

WS vs. St. Joseph's-1 p.m.
MS at St. Joseph's-2:30 p.m.
WBB vs. Denamo-Moscow-2 p.m.
G at JMU Fall Classic

Smith realizes personal goal as a team player

by Maureen Benitz
Hatchet Sports Writer

Senior forward Chemar Smith broke the women's soccer program's all-time scoring record Friday against Xavier.

With her goal in the 70th minute to tie the match, Smith accrued enough points to move past Diane Kelly's total points record of 96. Currently, Smith has 101 points.

"It was a great feeling," Smith said. "My teammates realized it before I did. They were coming up to me and congratulating me before I knew what happened." Beyond helping her realize a personal achievement, Smith said she felt her scoring this weekend came at a very opportune time for the team as a whole.

"Breaking the record this weekend was great for the team," Smith said. "We won two games (Xavier and Dayton) that will help us secure a place in the A-10 Tournament. We are a very close-knit team, and this will

add to that."

When Smith started her varsity career for the Colonial women, "breaking records was the furthest thing from my mind," Smith said. "It was never a goal for me. I just wanted to play each game as best I could."

Setting the scoring record is not the first achievement for Smith. In the 1995 season, Smith led the Colonial women in scoring and assists. In her freshman year, she was named the Atlantic 10 Freshman of the Year. She earned this honor by scoring 25 points in her first year and also set the GW record for most goals scored by a freshman (11).

The scoring record was an even bigger accomplishment for Smith, though, and many people were watching and expecting her to break it.

"I didn't feel a lot of pressure," Smith said. "However, I received lots of encouragement from my parents and friends. They were very confident in me. My mom and dad are my biggest supporters."

During her four years at GW,

Smith said many of her proudest moments were team accomplishments rather than individual ones, such as when the team made the NCAA Tournament for the first time.

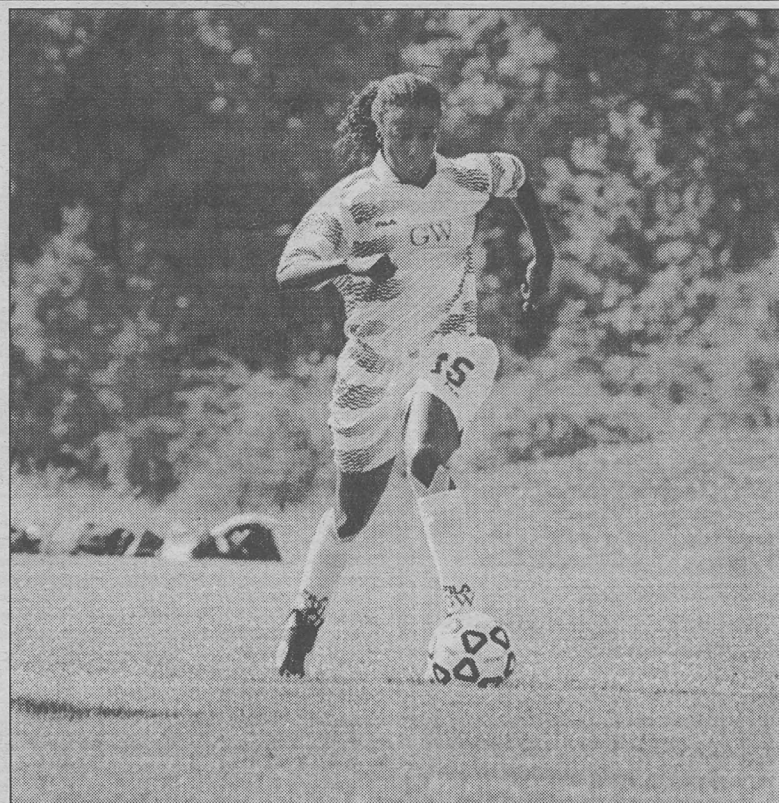
"Last year, getting into the NCAA Tournament was amazing," Smith said. "We were all sitting together and we were one of the last teams mentioned. It shows that hard work pays off."

Another fond memory for Smith is a game against Wisconsin in the Kentucky Tournament of 1996, where Smith scored an important goal.

"The team overcame a two-goal deficit to win the game in the last five minutes," she said. "This shows team character, which is still present."

Smith still has a few games left in the season to make memories with her team and to make an indelible mark on the GW women's soccer program.

Breaking the all-time scoring record was quite a feat, but Smith thinks that "records are meant to be broken."



Senior Chemar Smith stands alone in GW history as the women's soccer program's all-time leading scorer. Tyson Trish/editor in chief

Golf team shows signs of life at ODU tourney

by Dave Adler
Senior Sports Writer

Two consecutive weeks off led to the Colonial golf team's best single-round performance of the year at the Old Dominion Seascapes Tournament in Kitty Hawk, N.C.

However, GW (620) could not maintain the great play in the second round and finished last in the 21-team field.

An opening round 301 put the Colonials in contention with a field head coach Scott Allen said was the best GW has faced. According to Allen, GW's first round caught

the attention of the other coaches.

"The play in the first round meant a lot to the program," Allen said.

Senior Luis Barrutieta (148, 35th place) once again was the Colonials' top scorer, including a first-round score of even-par 72. Barrutieta has been saddled this year with the responsibility of aiding the team freshmen. Three freshmen started at ODU. Allen said Barrutieta, whose play is returning to last year's standards, is really helping the freshmen.

"Luis has done a good job. He works very hard on trying to get the guys to learn about the game," Allen said. "Luis is a little more

mature player than the rest of them, and he tries his best to impart that maturity to the other guys."

The Seascapes Course is a links-style golf course set on the Atlantic Ocean. The blustery second-round conditions blew away any chance of a top-10 finish for GW.

After just one Colonial scored higher than 80 in the first round, three failed to break the barrier in round two, including freshmen Darren Ressler (157) and Gavin Parsons (159).

"The course played a lot tougher on the second day. We're still learning how to play with adversity," Allen said.

With just two tournaments remaining in the fall season, Allen said the team's chances of earning an NCAA tournament berth are "slim."

"I think I have a team with enough talent. It is just a matter of when these guys are going to put it together," Allen said.

Allen said, fortunately for GW, the true battle for NCAA spots really begins this weekend at the James Madison Fall Classic, where GW will compete with fellow District II schools.

"If we play well at JMU, we can erase some of our up-and-down-play this fall," Allen said.

Water polo makes Easterns for first time

After playoff success, GW looks to make first-ever NCAA Tournament

by Shireen Hormozdi
Hatchet Sports Reporter

The GW men's water polo team will make history this Saturday. After a 1-2 weekend at the Collegiate Water Polo Association Southern Championships at Princeton last weekend, the team will participate in the Eastern Championships for the first time in school history.

Led by first-year head coach Van Hoffman, the team will begin competition at 9 a.m. Saturday in Annapolis against Queens College.

"We have a game plan and we know what to do and not to do," Hoffman said. The Colonials split the two games they played against Queens this year. Nevertheless, Hoffman said he remains optimistic for the Eastern Championship.

"We have a great chance to go to the NCAA Championship," Hoffman said. GW must win three consecutive games to advance to the NCAA Championship, held in December at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

If GW defeats Queens, it will go on to play two other teams not

yet determined.

"We'll take it one game at a time," Hoffman said.

Entering last weekend's tournament in third place in the Southern Division, the Colonials defeated Villanova by a single point, 9-8, allowing them to advance and continue the season. However, the same weekend they suffered two more losses. GW fell to Navy 14-10 and Slippery Rock 11-6.

"We just returned from California and the Baldy View Tournament (Oct 18-19) and I didn't give them a day off. They were just

tired. Losses like Slippery Rock won't happen again this weekend," Hoffman said.

Ending the 1997 season with an 18-8 overall record, the team stands fourth in the Southern division. Senior Brent Stoll led the team this year with 72 points. He was followed closely by fellow senior Brandon Stout's 62 points. Goalkeeper Tony Pasteur finished with 204 blocks.

"I've shortened practices this week, and the goal is to make them so hungry to play (Saturday) that they'll go bonkers," Hoffman said.

Sports Briefs

Cross country to host A-10 Championships

The GW cross country teams will host the Atlantic 10 Championships Saturday at 10 a.m. at their home course.

cross country

The conference meet, to be held at Bull Run Park in Centreville, Va., will feature the top male and female runners of all the Atlantic 10 schools in what is the cross country teams' most important meet of the season.

After the men's and women's teams turned in promising finishes at the IC4A-ECAC Championships two weeks ago, both teams have a

chance to fare well in the A-10 meet this weekend.

Ice hockey to face off with Georgetown

The GW ice hockey club will play cross-town rival Georgetown University Monday, Nov. 3, at 9 p.m. at Dupont Ice Arena.

hockey

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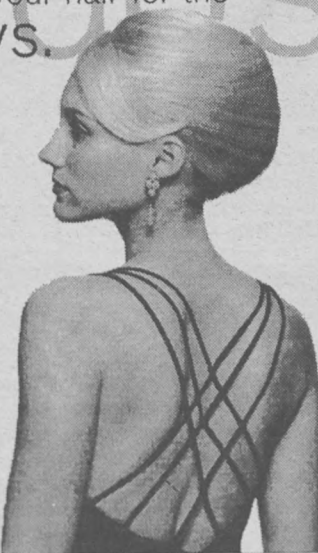
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9 Landscaper's tool
14 California wine valley
15 1847 South Seas adventure
16 Running bowline, e.g.
17 Desert mount
19 7-11 game
20 Full up
21 Aria, usually
23 "j" topper
24 "Yuck!"
25 Place for marbles
29 Baby blues
31 Hillbilly TV fare
35 Strait of Dover port
37 Got some shuteye
38 Hightail it
40 New Zealand native
43 Executive: Abbr.
44 Bit of parsley
46 "You've got my support"
48 Settles bills
50 How many bouquets are made
53 Desperation football pass
56 Native: Suffix
57 Bad Ems, e.g.
60 School sports org.
61 Gave a ticket

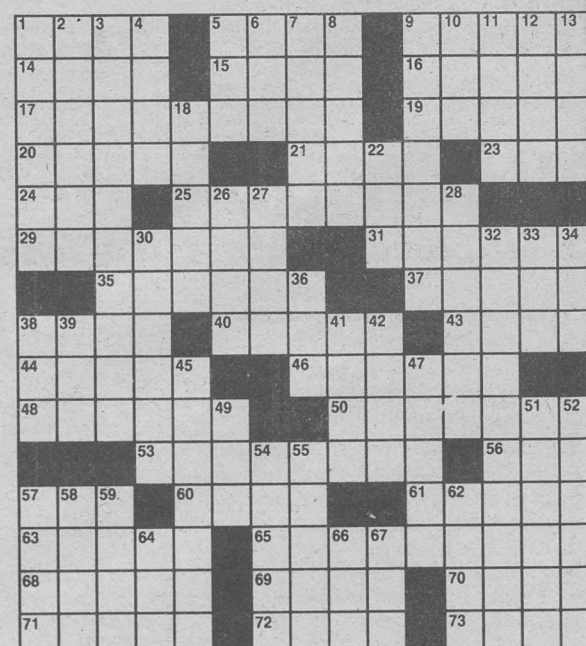
- 63 Caterpillar, for one
65 Irish locale of song
68 Caper
69 Go — detail
70 "The Masque of Alfred" composer
71 Kind of answer
72 Kind of tide
73 Humorist Bill and others

DOWN

- 1 Finishes
2 Home annex
3 Rx purveyor
4 Woman of distinction
5 Physique, slangily
6 Physicians' grp.
7 "What's the — that could happen?"
8 " — mind?"
9 They follow standing ovations
10 Golden, in France
11 Spur
12 Hockey great Phil, familiarly
13 Take five
18 1957 Ford debut
22 — di-dah
26 Bygone London transport
27 Part of SEATO

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- 28 Barker
30 Reverend's responsibility
32 Like many titles
33 "Tarzan" extra
34 Lb. and kg.
36 — disant (self-styled): Fr.
38 Recipe amt.
39 Emissions tester: Abbr.
41 Pro —
42 Operatic prince
45 Camel's cousin
47 Rolls's partner
49 Paparazzo's prize
51 Ev'rlasting
52 Goes brunette this time
54 "E pluribus unum," e.g.
55 Bath's state
57 Leave laughing
58 Glazier's unit
59 Theater, opera, etc.
62 Tabriz's land
64 Bordeaux, e.g.
66 Educ. group
67 Top 40 music

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